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The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent KOKAI Publication No. 2000-339097 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 1 of the specification of the present application.

2. "ATOK 13"; page 45, Justsystem Corporation, September 8, 1999 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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